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In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3738
Inventor: Tuoc Tan Nguygen et al) Examiner: Cheryl L. Miller
Serial No.: 10/680,732) Customer No.: 34026
Filed: October 6, 2003) Confirmation No.: 5302
For: Minimally Invasive Valve Replacement System) Docket No.: 816020-100043-US

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 17, 2005, attorney for applicant elects species 2 (figures 11-12). Pending claims 1-7 are believed to read on this species. Responses to Restriction Requirements in related patent application Serial Nos. 10/680,716 and 10/680,068 are also being made in separate responses transmitted by fax today. Further, additional related applications, also filed on October 6, 2003 are:

10/680/071;

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10/680,567;

10/680,075;

10/680,069;

10/680,719;

10/680,733;

10/680,562; and

10/680,717.

Lastly, a personal interview regarding these cases is requested for Wednesday, April 13,

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Respectfully submitted,

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